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Utilities Undergrounding: Priorities Set for FY 2003



In early June, the San Diego City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2003 Underground Project Allocations that will move utility wires beneath the streets and remove the poles from communities.

Councilmember Byron Wear proposed location modifications that would create efficiencies and allow more undergrounding to be completed in less time. In a memo to the City Manager, Wear outlined his money-saving proposal.

"I believe that residential projects should be prioritized first by public view, second by private view, and, lastly, alleys," wrote Wear. The proposal unanimously passed the full City Council.

Wear's proposal based his modifications on these common sense principles:

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- •Place project blocks contiguously, rather than skipping or jumping blocks
- •Prioritize residential neighborhoods with public, then private views of utilities
- •Concentrate on residential streets, leaving alleys at the end of the list, where possible.
- •Coordinate residential projects where feasible, to minimize cost and disruption.

Approved undergrounding projects include:

Hill St. from Catalina to Sunset Cliffs Blvd; Chatsworth Blvd. from Nimitz to Dumas; Voltaire St. from Catalina to Sunset Cliffs; Garrison St. from Clove to Rosecrans; Canon St. from Rosecrans to Evergreen; Pacifica Dr. from Bluffside Ave. to Amity St.; San Antonio St. from McCall to Kellogg; Bayside Lane from Belmont Park to Monterey Ct.; 10th Street from Date St. to A St.; Area 1, Phase 2 Job 2 from Ash to Cedar, Front to 4th and Union.

Focus in July: Mission Beach

On The Docket

The City Council dockets are issued each Wednesday preceding the Monday and Tuesday meetings. Please call the City Clerk at 619/533-4000 for Docket information. Online, dockets can be read at http://clerkdoc.sannet.gov/Website/city-docket. Manager's reports can be read at http://clerkdoc.sannet.gov/cmr/index.html

Two items on the June 24 docket will create a cleaner region: Item #50 reinforces the penalties for illegal dumping in the beach fire rings. Item #52 extends a contract with I Love A Clean San Diego to continue public education, school participation projects and outreach for keeping our neighborhoods

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Jeff Van Deerlin Acting Chief of Staff (619)236-6622 East Village Association celebrates 10 years of community service





Clockwise, from top, Byron Wear accepts an award for his persistence in realizing the vision of a renewed East Village; Debi Owen, Robin Maydeck & Sandra Simmons enjoy the festivities; Doug Wilson, builder of Park Lofts, Kevin de Frietas, infill developer is president of the East Village Association; Leslie Wade joins in congratulating John Moores for the ballpark redevelopment project; Leslie has been the executive director of the East Village Association for 10 years.

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Byron Wear given "Lighthouse Award"



At their annual awards dinner on Tuesday night, the Point Loma Association bestowed the distinguished "Lighthouse Award" upon Councilmember Byron Wear. The award is presented annually to an individual for outstanding service and leadership to the Point Loma community. The Point Loma Association is recognized as the largest community group in the city of San Diego.

"The Lighthouse Award is our most prestigious award and I was very proud to finally hand it over to Byron for his years of dedication and excellent service to our community," said Martin Dine, president of the Point Loma Association.



Gresham Bayne, M.D. is heading the San Diego Steering Committee and Amy Hamlin is executive director for Volunteers in Medicine nationwide.

Point Loma Clinic Awarded Funding

Presenting a check for \$50,000 in seed money to Volunteers In Medicine-San Diego, Byron Wear announced his intent to support a free medical clinic where retired physicians donate their services

Estimates indicate that there are more than 600,000 uninsured, working patients in San Diego. An initial San Diego Medical Society survey identified up to 60 physicians who were eager to volunteer free medical care in a "Culture of Caring" setting.

The seed money comes from Community Development Block Grant funds allocated to Council District 2. A local Steering Committee, chaired by Peninsula area resident Gresham Bayne, M.D., is in the process of opening the first VIM-San Diego clinic.

10 Beach Safety Tips for Summer

- 1. Swim near a lifequard
- 2. Learn to swim
- 3. Never swim alone
- 4. Don't fight the current
- 5. Swim sober
- 6. Check water conditions and rules
- 7. Don't float where you can't swim
- 8. Life Jackets = Boat Safety
- 9. Don't dive headfirst, protect your neck 10.At home, you're the lifequard



Dozens of volunteer "Wetland Avengers" convened on May 4 to clean up the salt marsh area east of Dog Beach area in Ocean Beach. Councilmember Wear funded the educational kiosk that will help protect the wetlands.

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With several hundred San Diego adults and children using wheelchairs, as well as hundreds of visitors, this investment by Yellow Cab is applauded in making our city accessible to everyone.



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